

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings Jan. 12, 1948

A special meeting of the Cemetery and Park Board was called by President Ernest D. Gibbs at 1:00 o'clock, Monday, January 12, 1948.

Present—Comms. Gibbs, Klock, Rathbun, Callard, McKim, Gates and Hewes.—8.

Absent—None.

The President appointed Mr. Bancroft as temporary secretary.

The meeting was called to order and took up the question of an easement over Park Property requested by the Landel Metropolitan District.

Resolution by Comm. Hewes—

That the Board recommend to the City Council the approval of the attached easement to the Landel Metropolitan District for the construction and maintenance of a sewer over City property, lying between the Grand Trunk right-of-way and the Grand River, subject to the approval of the work by the City Engineer and the Superintendent of Parks.

Carried.

Martin Dietrich, Mr. Stevens, Plat Engineer and Glen Manz, City Engineer, were present.

A request was received from Martin J. Dietrich, acting for the owners of Westchester Subdivision, for the formal approval of an entrance drive from the plat onto Moores River Drive and a second request signed by G. E. Smith, Trustee, Arthur Schaberg and Martin Dietrich, for permission to lay a storm sewer across park property from the plat to Grand River. Plans were presented, which had been approved by the City Engineer, for the entrance road and the storm drain. Public liability and property damage insurance was proffered the Board for the

protection of the City while work was in progress and approved by the City Attorney. A check for \$300.00 to the Cemetery and Park Board was also offered, being the City Engineer's estimate of cost of replacal of concrete on Moores River Drive and for servicing the road.

After a full discussion of the plans, the following resolution was passed:

By Comm. Rathbun—

That permission be and is hereby given George E. Smith, Arthur R. Schaberg and Martin J. Dietrich, representing and as owners of the proposed Westchester Subdivision to construct and make a connection from Westchester Subdivision into Moores River Drive and to construct a storm sewer under and across park property to the Grand River as provided in the plans and specifications, which have been approved by the City Engineer and the owners of the proposed plat, and that the Board accept as satisfactory the public liability and property damage insurance covering City liability while the work and repair are in process, as approved by the City Attorney, and

That a check for \$300.00 be accepted for the cost of repair and servicing the replacement of a section of the concrete as estimated by the City Engineer and

All of the above resolution being subject to the following conditions:

That with the written agreement of the owners, a private drive be provided to allow access to Lot 11 from Cambridge Road of the proposed Westchester Subdivision, and that the correction be made on the "Proposed Plat of Westchester Subdivision" and filed at the Board office and included as a part of the recorded plat.

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

H. LEE BANCROFT,  
Acting Secretary.



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January 14, 1948.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Comm. Gibbs.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Comms. Bailey, Callard, Gates, Gibbs, Hewes, Klock, McKim, Rathbun.—8.  
Absent—None.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and the special meeting of January 12, 1948, were approved.

### COMMUNICATIONS

A check in the sum of \$1250.00 was received from Elizabeth Gier Coleman for the Gier Street Park property.

The City Clerk reported that the City Council had acted favorably on the Board's request that the Cemetery Department be authorized to install foundations for the government markers on the Veteran's Section in Evergreen Cemetery and charge the cost to the City Council.

A communication was received from Dale W. Granger relative to the relocation of District sewer on City property in the Grand River Park located south of the Grand Trunk Railway right-of-way.

Placed on file.

A communication was received from H. S. Wagner, Director-Secretary of the Akron Metropolitan Park District, calling attention to H. R. 3866 and recommending that it be given consideration.

By Comm. Rathbun—

That the subject be referred to the Committee on Recreation with power to act.

Carried.

The following communication was received from G. E. Smith, Trustee:

City of Lansing Park and Cemetery Board.

Gentlemen:

As owner of Lots 9, 12, 11, 10 in Westchester Subdivision, I do hereby agree to the addition of a 15-foot private drive between Lots 9 and 12 providing an entrance to Lots 10 and 11 from Cambridge Road.

Respectfully,

G. E. SMITH,  
Trustee.

Received and placed on file.

### RESOLUTIONS

By Comm. McKim—

That the Traffic Engineer be requested to make a survey of Moores River Drive near Frances Park where the new drive is to enter Moores River Drive and make a recommendation to this Board relative to safety condition at this place.

Carried.

By Comm. Gates—

That the deed for that part of Lot 5, west of the east 258 feet of Lot 5, Block 195 of Sixth Ward, City of Lansing from C. Rowland Stebbins be accepted.

Carried.

By Comm. Rathbun—

That a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. Stebbins for the gift of land and for past interest shown by him in the City's park system.

Carried.



By Comm. Rathbun—

That the Superintendent be and is hereby authorized to transfer \$1,000.00 from the Evergreen Cemetery Operating Securities to Evergreen Perpetual Care Trust Fund Securities.

Carried.

By Comm. Rathbun—

That \$3,000.00 being the principal sum from matured bonds listed as

M 537934 C

M 537935 C

M 537936 C

M 537937 C

That the Superintendent be authorized and requested to transfer \$3,000.00 from Mt. Hope Cemetery operating securities to the Mt. Hope Perpetual Care Fund, when collection is made and the funds available for reinvestment.

Carried.

By Comm. Rathbun—

That inasmuch as the bonds listed below mature February 1st, 1948, and are now a part of the Mt. Hope Perpetual Care Fund, the Superintendent, H. Lee Bancroft, and John Webb, City Treasurer, are hereby authorized and requested to turn in the bonds for collection—

C 890443 C	100.00
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C 890445 C	100.00
C 890446 C	100.00
C 890447 C	100.00
D 337506 C	500.00
M 668688 C	1,000.00
M 668689 C	1,000.00
M 668690 C	1,000.00
M 668691 C	1,000.00
M 668692 C	1,000.00

Be it further resolved that \$4,500.00, being the principal sum be deposited in the Mt. Hope Perpetual Care account and that \$1,500.00, being the accrued interest, be deposited to the credit of the Mt. Hope Cemetery Operating account.

Carried.

By Comm. Rathbun—

That \$4,500.00 being the principal sum from bonds maturing February 1st as listed below—

C 890443 C	100.00
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C 890445 C	100.00
C 890446 C	100.00
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D 337506 C	500.00
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That the Superintendent be authorized and requested to transfer \$4,500.00 from Mt. Hope Cemetery operating securities to the Mt. Hope Perpetual Care Fund, when collection is made and the funds available for reinvestment.

Carried.

By Comm. Rathbun—

That inasmuch as the four bonds listed below have matured and are now a part of the Mt. Hope Perpetual Care Fund, the Superintendent, H. Lee Bancroft, and John Webb, City Treasurer, are hereby authorized and requested to turn in the bonds for collection.

The bonds listed are:

M 537934 C	\$1,000.00
M 537935 C	1,000.00
M 537936 C	1,000.00
M 537937 C	1,000.00

Be it further resolved that \$3,000.00, being the principal sum be deposited in the Mt. Hope Perpetual Care account and that \$1,000.00, being the accrued interest, be deposited to the credit of the Mt. Hope Cemetery operating account.

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,

City Clerk.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings Feb. 11, 1948

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

and the Superintendent of Parks with power to act.

Carried.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bailey, Callard, Gates, Gibbs, Hewes, Rathbun, McKim.—7.  
Absent—Com. Klock.—1.

The minutes of the special meeting held on January 12, 1947, were corrected by substituting the name "Clyde K. Stephens" for "Mr. Stevens."

The minutes of the special session of January 12, 1948 and of the regular session of January 14, 1948, were approved.

The City Clerk reported that the City Council had approved the recommendation of the Board relative to granting an easement to the Landel Metropolitan District for sewer over property lying between the Grand Trunk Right of Way and the Grand River.

Placed on file.

A communication was received from Ald. M. S. Graham, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means of the City Council asking that the Board present its budget requirements by March 10, 1948.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means of the Board.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. E. B. Johns thanked the Board for a Christmas plant and expression of good will to her.

Placed on file.

A communication was received from Sidney Anger in which he reported on the condition of Moores River Drive at the point where the new drive enters. He recommended that 100 feet of ribbon type guard rail be placed along the north shoulder of Moores River Drive at this new intersection. He also advised that all trees and shrubbery along Moores River Drive east and west of the new drive be trimmed so as to provide clear vision area either way for traffic approaching Moores River Drive.

By Com. Callard—

That this Board express its appreciation to Mr. Anger for his prompt attention to its request for a survey of the Moores River Drive condition and that the subject be referred to the Committee on Parks

Mr. Charles P. VanNote, City Attorney, reported that he had notified the Clerk of Lansing Township that the city had acquired property in Section 26 to be used for extension of Evergreen Cemetery and asked that it be taken from the tax roll.

Placed on file.

Mr. Charles P. VanNote, City Attorney, filed an opinion on the subject of the Board's duties and authority to handle the property bequeathed to the Park Department by Dr. George E. Ranney.

By Mr. Rathbun—

That copies of Mr. VanNote's opinion be provided for the members of this Board, and that action by the Board be postponed for one month.

Carried.



Mr. E. J. Carroll asked permission to move the body of Mrs. Blanche Carroll from Grave 6, Lot 85, Section F to Grave 7, Lot 85, Section F in Mt. Hope Cemetery. The request was granted.

Mrs. Oretta Johnston requested permission to have the body of James Edwin Johnston removed from Lot 22, Section C, Evergreen Cemetery to Grave 6, Lot 129, Section D, Evergreen Cemetery.

Permission was granted.

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mr. Bancroft, Superintendent of Parks and Cemeteries, reported on various subjects of interest to the Board.

### RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Callard—

That the President of the Board be authorized to sign the attached lease with the Lansing Boat Club.

Carried.

By Com. Bailey—

That the Board members be authorized

to attend the meeting of Cemetery Officials at Toledo on March 1 and 2, 1948.

Carried.

By Com. Rathbun—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

Series "G" United States Bonds  
for Mt. Hope Cemetery Per-  
petual Care Fund..... \$500.00

Carried.

By Com. Rathbun—

That the Superintendent be and is hereby authorized to transfer \$1,000.00 from the Evergreen Cemetery Operating Securities to Evergreen Perpetual Care Trust Fund Securities.

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,

City Clerk.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings March 10, 1948

March 10, 1948.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Comm. Gibbs.

H. S. Steadman offered to sell to the Board Lots 7, 8, 9 of Golfmore Subdivision for \$300.00 per lot.

Referred to the Committee on Parks and Superintendent of Parks.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Comms. Bailey, Callard, Gates, Gibbs, Hewes, Klock, McKim, Rathbun.—8.

Absent—None.

Mr. H. L. Braun, President of Yunker Memorials, complimented the Park Department on the articles that had appeared in the State Journal recently relative to Park and Recreational activities.

Placed on file.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

### COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from G. L. Ruth, Memorial Division of the Quartermaster General, relative to the type of marker which will be acceptable to the Board for veterans' graves.

By Comm. Gates—

That the Granite Marker shown in the illustration submitted be approved.

Carried.

A communication was received from Leon Lynn relative to exchanging a parcel of land described in his letter for Lot 13, Assessor's Plat No. 2, which is owned by the Park Department.

Placed on file.

Harry L. Bollinger, Adjutant Lansing Council of American Legion Posts, recommended the granting the use of the house at 915 Townsend Street to Club 500.

Placed on file.

Club 500 submitted a request for the use of the building located at 915 Townsend Street for club meetings and other activities.

Referred to the Committee on Recreation.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Cemetery Committee of the Cemetery and Park Board recommends the following price and rate changes affecting Evergreen and Mt. Hope Cemeteries:

By Comm. Gates—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

A letter was received from Robert S. Springer relative to bronze markers which he would like to place in Evergreen Cemetery.

Referred to the Committee on Cemeteries for investigation.



By Comm. Gates—

That the following rates and prices be and are hereby adopted for municipal cemetery services effective April 1st, 1948, the increase in the price of burial rights being an increase of 25c a square foot for the Perpetual Care Fund, the interest from such fund being the revenue which is used for the maintenance of the cemetery:

Evergreen Cemetery	Cemetery Operating	Perpetual Care	Total
Double Lot 16' x 25'—10 burial.....	\$170.00	\$230.00	\$400.00
Standard Lot 16' x 12½'—4 adults, 2 children.....	85.00	115.00	200.00
Monuments and markers allowed on above (see rules)			
Per square foot.....	.425	.575	1.00
Three burial spaces on lot.....	63.75	86.25	150.00
Two burial spaces on lot.....	42.50	57.50	100.00
One burial space on lot.....	21.25	28.75	50.00
Single burial in single sections 4' x 10'.....	17.00	23.00	40.00
Children single (no marker) 3' x 3'.....	3.83	5.17	9.00
Children single (marker privilege) 3' x 4'.....	5.10	6.90	12.00
Children single (marker privilege) 3' x 5'.....	6.38	8.62	15.00
All of the above subject to the rules and regulations of Evergreen Cemetery and the Cemetery Ordinance.			

#### Evergreen Cemetery and Mt. Hope Cemetery

(Covering charges for graves, ashes and removals)

Grave Charges—	Open and Close	Box or Vault	Trim	Device	Tent	Total
Adult (over 4').....	\$22.00	\$6.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$5.00	\$35.00
Child (under 4').....	6.00		1.00		5.00	12.00
Ashes in box or vault.....						6.00
Ashes in urn.....						5.00
Removals out of Cemetery (over 4').....						28.00
Removals out of cemetery (under 4').....						6.00
Removals and Reinterment in cemetery (over 4').....						45.00
Removals and Reinterment in cemetery (under 4').....						12.00

#### Foundation Charges—

Monument foundations at.....	\$ .75 cubic foot
Marker foundations at.....	.85 cubic foot
Minimum marker charge.....	6.00

Special care for landscaping lots, flowers, urns or bedding can be arranged for at cemetery office.

Carried.



The Park Committee to whom was referred the letter of Mr. Leon Lynn offering to trade an acre and a fraction of land adjacent to City Park Land in Section 10 for Lot 13, Assessor's Plat No. 2, recommends that the Board approve the exchange of properties and recommend same to the City Council.

K. E. HEWES,  
ROBERT A. McKIM,  
WM. KLOCK,

By Comm. Hewes—

That the report be adopted.

Carried.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mr. Bancroft reported on finances of cemeteries and other subjects relative to parks and recreation.

#### RESOLUTIONS

By Comm. Rathbun—

That the Budget as submitted and amended be approved and referred to the Ways and Means Committee of the City Council.

Carried.

By Comm. Hewes—

That the subject of leasing the Michigan Avenue property be referred to the Committee on Buildings to negotiate and submit a report relative to lease or negotiations for approval or disapproval by the Board.

Carried.

By Comm. Hewes—

That inasmuch as the City has acquired

title from the State Land Board for Lot 13, Assessor's Plat No. 2, and that the City has been offered in exchange for said Lot 13 a parcel of land about an acre and 2/10 in area, abutting and adjacent to park properties and as such acreage is more desirable for park use we would recommend to the City Council: That subject to the approval of the title and taxes and the conveyance that the City exchange Lot 13, Assessor's Plat No. 2, for property described as:

Commencing on the north line of East Grand River Avenue, 10 rods 23 links west of the east  $\frac{1}{2}$  line of Section 10, T4N, R2W, City of Lansing, thence north 40 deg. west 20 rods, thence north 48 deg. east 20 rods, thence east 9 rods, thence south 16 rods, thence south 40 deg. west 17 rods to the place of beginning, except a parcel described as beginning at a point on the north line of said Grand River Avenue 73.3 feet easterly of the easterly line of Maryland Avenue (said point being the southeast corner of Block B of Franklin Avenue Park Subdivision), thence north 48 deg. east 245 feet, thence southeasterly parallel with the said Grand River Avenue 95 feet, thence southerly parallel with the east line of said plat 80 feet, thence southeasterly parallel to the north line of Grand River Avenue 235 feet, thence southerly parallel with the east line of said plat 165 feet to the north line of Grand River Avenue, thence northwesterly along the line of Grand River Avenue 330 feet to the place of beginning,

same being offered to the City by Leon Lynn, a veteran.

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,

City Clerk.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings April 14, 1948

April 14, 1948.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President. Comm. Gibbs.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Comms. Bailey, Callard, Gates, Gibbs, Hewes, Klock, McKim, Rathbun.—8.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

### COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stabler in which they offered to present to the City for additional space at Stabler Park, five lots on the east side of Allen Street adjoining the present park land.

By Comm. McKim—

That this Board approve the acceptance of this gift.

Carried.

Charles P. VanNote filed a report on the title to land which the Board is securing in the vicinity of Bancroft Park.

Placed on file.

An offer to purchase a lot at the corner of Barnes Avenue and Osband Avenue for \$1000.00 was received from Gertrude Ludwick.

By Comm. Gates—

That the offer be referred to the Committee on Parks with power to act.

A letter was received from H. M. Terry, Manager of the Mill Mutual Agency, relative to a loss payable clause on Policy No. 22-44897.

Placed on file.

A communication was received from Club 500 relative to use of a City owned building for club purposes.

A request was received from Mrs. Maude Swanton and Mrs. Dorothy Richardson for

permission to move the body of Betty H. Swanton from Subdivision 6 to Subdivision 10 on Lot 75, Section Z. in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

By Comm. Gates—

That the request be granted.

Carried.

The Park Committee to whom was referred the taking of bids for the use of the concession building at Potter Park, with power to act, reports as follows:

That the bid of Edith E. Sweet, being the best bid and as they have given good and satisfactory service to the Park, the committee granted them the lease at \$400.00 and the deposits of the other bidders have been returned to them.

By Comm. Hewes—

That the report be adopted.

Carried.

Bids—Mrs. Edith E. Sweet .....	\$400.00
Mrs. Louise Winner .....	302.00
Harold Rogers .....	220.00

By Comm. Rathbun—

That the Superintendent be and is hereby authorized to transfer \$2,500.00 from the Evergreen Cemetery Operating Securities to Evergreen Perpetual Care Trust Fund Securities, and to transfer \$500.00 from Mt. Hope Cemetery Operating Securities to Mt. Hope Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund Securities.

Carried.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Knaup offered to sell to the City, Lot 14, Assessor's Plat No. 18, for the sum of \$1000.00.

By Comm. Hewes—

That this Board recommend to the City Council the purchase of Lot 14, Assessor's Plat 18, except the west 150 feet, for the sum of \$1000.00.

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,  
City Clerk.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings May 12, 1948

May 12, 1948.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Comm. Gibbs.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Commissioners Bailey, Callard, Gates, Gibbs, Hewes, Klock, Rathbun.—7.  
Absent—Commissioner McKim.—1.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

### COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Bruce J. Maguire relative to an exchange of Lots 11 and 12 of Turner & Smith's Sub. of Lot 6 of Townsend's Sub. for Lots 42 and 44 of Maplewood, owned by Mr. Maguire.

Laid on the table for consideration at the next meeting.

The City Clerk reported that the City Council had acted favorably on the request of the Board to sell a lot at the corner of Osband Avenue and Barnes Avenue to Gertrude Ludwick for the sum of \$1200.00, and also on the recommendation that the Council purchase Lot 14, Assessor's Plat 18 for the sum of \$1000.00.

Permission was requested to move the body of Jack Leroy Ripley from Grave 5, Lot 28, Section W, Mt. Hope Cemetery, to Grave 2, Lot 130, Section D, Evergreen Cemetery.

By Comm. Gates—

That the request be granted.

Carried.

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

#### Report on Spring Street Tree Planting

The planting of shade and ornamental trees along the street began on March 30th. A total of 203 trees were planted, the final one being set on May 5th. Thirteen of the trees were planted to replace other small trees that were destroyed during the winter months by cars, children, etc. 180 trees were set out on residence lot frontages where obnoxious trees had been removed during the preceding winter months. Sixty trees were planted on newly developed streets heretofore not included in the city wide planting program. These streets, which were planted to Ginkgo or Maiden hair trees, were as follows: Foxson, west of Marion; Lenora, west of Marion; East Mt. Hope from Forest to Teel; and McKinley from Larch to East Street. A number of residents expressed their appreciation for these new plantings, and we are glad to be able to report that at the present time 94% of our residence street areas are fully planted to shade trees.

By the fall planting season there will be enough trees of correct size and good health in the nursery to plant up several miles of new streets. The plan is to try to plant all streets that will be curbed by the Public Service Department during the 1948 summer street improvement season now at hand.

All of the trees planted during the last 2½ years will be watered, cultivated, and otherwise cared for by our 2-man water tank crew from June 1st to the middle of September or until fall rains make watering unnecessary.

Signed:

WILLIAM KLOCK,  
Chairman.

WILLIAM T. GATES,  
ORLA BAILEY, JR.,  
Forestry Committee.



## RESOLUTIONS

By Comm. Rathbun:

That the Superintendent be and is hereby authorized to transfer \$1000.00 from the Evergreen Cemetery Operating Securities to Evergreen Perpetual Care Trust Fund Securities, and to transfer \$400.00 from the Mt. Hope Cemetery Operating Securities to Mt. Hope Perpetual Care Trust Fund Securities.

Carried.

By Comm. Gates—

Inasmuch as Spencer C. Hunnell, 132½ South 4th Street, Columbus, Ohio, in a contract with this Board for the purchase of Lot 199, Section E, in Evergreen Cemetery, dated July 14th, 1944, and on which is due \$208.00 principal and \$45.88 interest to April 1, 1948,

It is hereby resolved that the Superintendent be instructed to send a copy of this resolution by registered mail to the last known address of delinquent party, and notice given that the contract will be cancelled as provided on the contract at the next regular meeting of the Park and Cemetery Commissioners on June 9th, 1948, at 7:30 o'clock, unless the interest is paid

in full and a satisfactory payment made on the principal on or before that date.

Carried.

By Comm. Hewes—

That this Board express to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stabler their appreciation for the gift of additional land for Stabler Park and for the gift of \$1500.00 for equipping the playground.

Carried.

## ELECTION

By Comm. Hewes—

That Comm. Ernest D. Gibbs be elected President of this Board; Comm. Robert McKim, Vice-President; and H. Lee Bancroft be appointed Superintendent of Parks and Cemeteries.

Carried.

After discussing various subjects of interest to the Board, the Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,  
City Clerk.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings June 9, 1948

Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Comm. Gibbs.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Comms. Bailey, Callard, Gates, Gibbs, Hewes, McKim, Rathbun.—7.  
Absent—Comm. Klock.—1.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

Preceding the meeting the Board made an inspection trip of Potter Park, Potter Park Zoo and the Potter Park Workshop.

### COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from Charles E. Gutzki offering to purchase for a client, the N. 104.5 ft. of Lot 1, Block 22, Park Place, for \$1,000.00.

By Comm. Callard—

That the Board approve the sale of the lot described for \$1,000.00 and refer the matter to the City Council for action.

Carried.

A communication was received from Bruce J. Maguire offering to exchange certain property of his for Lot 61 of Maple Park Addition and Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 of Turner-Smith Addition owned by the Park Department.

The family of Elizabeth Ann Terrian asked permission to remove the body from Lot 511, Section C, Evergreen Cemetery, to Grave 5, Lot 163, Section E, Evergreen Cemetery.

By Commissioner Gates—

The Cemetery Committee hereby author-

izes the request of Albert E. and Alma C. Terrian to make removal of the remains of their baby, Elizabeth Ann, from the infant section of Evergreen Cemetery to grave 5 of their family lot (163, Section E).

Carried.

Ford Hutchinson, representing the Lansing Boat Club, presented a proposed plan for amateur boat races on Grand River.

By Comm. Callard—

That this Board approve the plan of the Lansing Boat Club for boat races on June 20, 1948, as a "try out" of the program for such races.

Carried.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Forestry Committee reported on the tree trimming program for the season, stating that two crews would cover certain districts. The committee stated that the program is a long way behind on account of not being able to hire men for the work during the war.

Received and placed on file.

The Finance Committee filed a report on the finances of the parks and cemeteries giving the distribution of expenditures for the various activities of the departments.

Received and placed on file.

The Public Relations Committee gave a report on publicity which had been favorably given to Cooley Gardens, the Potter Park Zoo, the Youth Talent Show, the Soldiers' Memorial at Evergreen Cemetery, parks and playground activities.

Received and placed on file.



Comm. Callard, Chairman of the Committee on Recreation, gave a report on the Recreation Department's activities, including Youth Talent Program, Marbles Tournament, Softball, Baseball, Summer playground plans, Grand Woods Camp Day camps, Nature Trips, Summer Bands, Story Telling and Plays by the Children's Theatre, Moores Park Pool and other scheduled activities.

Received and placed on file.

By the Committee on Cemeteries—

Whereas, Spencer C. Hunnell is in default on his contract for the purchase of Lot 199, Section E in Evergreen Cemetery, in the City of Lansing, Michigan, and

Whereas, there was due on said contract on April 1, 1948, \$208.00 principal and \$45.88 interest, and

Whereas, said Spencer C. Hunnell has made no satisfactory reply to the registered letter mailed to his last known address on May 21, 1948, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners of the City of Lansing, Michigan, that the said contract with Spencer C. Hunnell be and the same is hereby cancelled and the Superintendent of Cemeteries is hereby instructed to place the lot on sale.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Comms. Bailey, Callard, Gates, Gibbs, Hewes, McKim, Rathbun.—7.

Nays—None.

By Comm. Rathbun—

That the Superintendent be and is hereby authorized to transfer \$500.00 from the Evergreen Cemetery Operating Securities to Evergreen Perpetual Care Trust Fund Securities; and to transfer \$400.00 from the Mt. Hope Cemetery Operating Securities to Mt. Hope Perpetual Care Trust Fund Securities.

Carried.

By Comm. McKim—

That Superintendent Bancroft be authorized to have plans for the Oak Park Building revised at a cost of \$125.00.

Carried.

By Comm. Gates—

That Marylin Leavett be extended the appreciation of this Board for the manner in which she carried on the office work at the Cemetery during the illness of Mrs. Leavett.

Carried.

By Comm. Rathbun—

That the subject of cemetery office be referred to the Cemetery Committee with a request to bring in a definite report.

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY  
City Clerk.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings July 21, 1948

July 21, 1948

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bailey, Callard, Gates, Gibbs, Hewes, McKim, Rathbun—7.

Absent—Com. Klock—I.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

### COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Sidney Anger, Traffic Engineer, recommending the erection of some type of barrier along the north side of East Saginaw St. and the south side of East Grand River Avenue adjacent to the Marshall Playfield to prevent children playing ball from running into the street and endangering their lives in traffic.

Referred to the Committee on Recreation.

A communication was received from T. J. Staszuk in which he offered to purchase at 1035 Euclid Place.

Referred to the Park Committee with power to act.

The Greater Lansing Rose Society Show awarded a Complimentary Blue Ribbon for the Rose exhibit at Cooley Gardens.

A card of thanks for flowers and remembrance was received from Ruth A. Leavitt.

Placed on file.

The Ingham County Kennel Club, Inc., asked permission to hold their annual Free Puppy Show at Potter Park on September 12, 1948.

By Com. Callard—

That the request be granted.

Carried.

July 21st, 1948.

The City of Lansing  
Park & Cemetery Commission  
202 City Hall  
Lansing, Michigan

Attn: Mr. H. Lee Bancroft:

Dear Mr. Bancroft:

This is to confirm the mutual understanding between the Park Board and the writer as to the transaction of the property to be traded by myself and the Park Board.

I have control of the following lots in Maple Park Subdivision: Lots 44, 42, 37, 36, 35, 33, 32, and 31.

I have agreed to trade these lots to the Park Board for the following lots: 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 of The Turner-Smith Subdivision, and lot 61 of Maple Park Subdivision.

It is my understanding that I will deed to the City a portion of Lot 8 that will be used as a permanent street for an extension of Russell Street. The curb lines on Lot 8 will be the same as the present curb on Russell Street that at present are in front of Lots 62, 61 and 60.

It is definitely understood by all parties hereto that this trade is subject to our being able to have Lots 9, 10, 11, and 12, a portion of Lot 8 of Turner-Smith Subdivision, and Lots 61 and 62 of Maple Park Subdivision to the City of Lansing, rezoned to industrial zoning.

We will take immediate steps for auth-



orization by the Lansing City Council for rezoning the lots. When, and if the Council approves of the rezoning, we will at that time complete the trade, provided the Park Board agrees to make this trade.

Yours very truly,

BRUCE J. MAGUIRE.

P.S. Will you advise us of the action taken by the Park Board.

Yours very truly,

BRUCE J. MAGUIRE.

Letters of appreciation were received from the Shiawassee Summer Christmas Tree for use of park and from Walter and Mabel Barron relative to the fine care of their cemetery lot and the whole cemetery.

Placed on file.

Request for permission to remove body of Arthur Braun from Grave 3, Lot 42, Sec. V in Mt. Hope to Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens was received.

Also a request to remove remains of Mrs. Sarah Denham from Grave 4 of Lot 222, Section C and Stanley E. Denham from Grave 6, Lot 101, Section C, Mt. Hope Cemetery to London, Ontario.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Com. Orla Bailey gave a report for Public Relations Committee on recent favorable publicity.

After discussing the proposed new building at Oak Park, the subject was referred to the Building Committee with a request to report at the next regular meeting.

#### RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Hewes—

Resolved, that the offer of Bruce J. Maguire to exchange lots 31, 32, 33, 35,

36, 37, 42 and 44 of Maple Park Addition for City owned lots 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Turner Smith Subdivision and Lot 61 of Maple Park Subdivision is acceptable to the Board and that such an exchange be recommended to the City Council when and if the lots owned by the City are rezoned for industrial use. A portion of Lot 8 will be deeded to the City of Lansing to be used for extending Russell Street, as agreed by Mr. Maguire.

Carried.

By Com. Gates—

The Cemetery Committee hereby authorizes the request of William D. and Lillian M. Braun to make removal of the remains of their son, Arthur Braun, from grave 3 of lot 42, Section V in Mt. Hope Cemetery, to Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

Also, authorizes the request of Hilda V. Clarke, Evelyn M. Phillips and Marjorie Denham to make removal of the remains of their mother, Mrs. Sarah Denham, from grave 4 of lot 222, Section C and of their brother, Stanley E. Denham, from grave 6 of lot 101, Section C, Mt. Hope Cemetery, to London, Ontario.

Carried.

By Com. Rathbun—

That the Superintendent be and is hereby authorized to transfer \$5,000.00 from the Evergreen Cemetery Operating Securities to Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund Securities.

Carried.

Following the meeting a picnic dinner was served for the Commissioners and their wives, the heads of the several divisions of the departments and office force with their husbands and wives. A program followed which was prepared by the Recreation and Forestry Departments.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,

City Clerk.



It was moved by Commissioner Boucher, supported by Commissioner Munyon, that the report of the Committee be adopted.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Commissioners Boucher, Crego, Leadley, Leyrer, Manz, Mills, Munyon, and Stebbins—8.  
Nays—None.

The Commission adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

City Plan Commission,

LUCIUS D. MILLS,  
Vice Chairman.

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners

## Proceedings Aug. 11, 1948

City of Lansing,

August 11, 1948.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Commissioner Gibbs.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Commissioners Bailey, Callard, Gates, Gibbs, Hewes, Klock, McKim, Rathbun—8.

Absent—0.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

### COMMUNICATIONS

A petition requesting the city to provide a field for specific and only purpose of flying U-Control gas model aircraft was referred to the Board by the City Council.

Referred to the Committee on Recreation with power to act.

A card was received from Helen Klock expressing appreciation for flowers sent by the Board.

Placed on file.

R. A. Winston, Director of Athletics, requested the use of bleachers and lights

on the Pattengill Stadium for fall games of football.

By Comm. Callard—

That the request be granted.

Carried.

Andrew Dungey in a letter to Mr. Bancroft expressed his appreciation from the Grand Master on down for the use of Moores Park by the Colored Masons, stating that they liked the park and its ample equipment and would like to come back next year. The Clerk was instructed to thank Mr. Dungey for his letter and invite the organization to come back next year.

A letter was received from E. Clark Rowley relative to a monument on Lot 42 Section B in Mt. Hope Cemetery which was referred to the Committee on Cemetery with power to act.

A letter was received from Herbert G. Cooper offering to sell to the city approximately 130 acres of land located at the S. E. Corner of Mt. Hope Avenue and Aurelius Road.

By Comm. Hewes—

That prices be secured for this land.

Carried.

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mr. Bancroft reported on various subjects of interest to the Board.



**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****Report of Forestry Committee**

August 11, 1948

Daily complaints of residence property owners concerning the tree trimming program necessitates this report which will attempt to call attention of the Board to the present situation.

On approximately twenty miles of streets in the southern and southwestern sections of the city the trees have not been trimmed since before the war. The branches hang low over driveways and sidewalks, causing considerable inconvenience to residents. This condition exists because of the curtailed program during the war years when labor was hard to get and costs were high, and also because of rising costs of labor since the war. In 1937 we trimmed trees on a total of 87 miles of streets. During the war year of 1944 we trimmed only 23½ miles. So far this season we have trimmed about 40 miles. The present budget will allow the trimming of 5 to 10 miles more or a total of about 50 miles for the year. The twenty miles mentioned at the beginning of this report cannot be included in this year's program, unless funds (\$5,000.00) requested in the budget as set up by the Board in March and deleted by budget committee of the council in April, is restored. Partial restoration would allow us to take care of the most serious trimming needs.

We recommend that \$2,500.00 be requested to take care of this situation during late August and September and into October.

We further recommend that next year a commensurate increase for this work be included in the budget.

WILLIAM T. GATES,  
ORLA BAILEY,  
WILLIAM KLOCK,  
Chairman,  
Forestry Committee.

By Comm. Klock—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

By Comm. Hewes—

That Mr. Bancroft advise the bidder on the lot on Euclid Place to consider offering to buy both lots on that street which are adjoining.

Carried.

By Comm. Callard—

That the Lansing Boat Club be permitted to hold boat races on Aug. 22, 1948.

Carried.

By Comm. Bailey—

That the City Engineer and the County Road Commission be complimented on the improvement to the bank of Cedar River.

✓ Carried.

A committee consisting of Gerald Burns, Don Anderson and Morris Baker presented to the Board the need of a stadium in Lansing where professional ball and other sports can be accommodated.

The subject was referred to the Recreation Committee for further consideration.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,  
City Clerk.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings Sept. 8, 1948

September 8, 1948.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Commissioner Gibbs.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Commissioners Bailey, Callard, Gates, Gibbs, Hewes, Klock, McKim, Rathbun.—8.

Absent—None.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

### COMMUNICATIONS

An offer to purchase lots owned by the City on Euclid Place was received from J. C. Ritchie of 1205 Euclid Place.

By Comm. Hewes—

That the offer be rejected.

Carried.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex W. Rogers offered to purchase Lot 219, City Park Subdivision, for the sum of \$250.00.

Referred to the Committee on Parks with power to act.

A letter was received from Mrs. Glen Helmer relative to club rooms for the 500 Club.

Received and placed on file.

Commander Eugene M. Hicks, City Council of American Legion Posts, petitioned for use for the reviewing stand at Patten-gill Field.

By Comm. Bailey—

That the request be granted.

Carried.

A communication was received from Bill Otto, General Chairman of the Freedom Train arrangements, thanking the staff for assistance given in connection with Re-dedication Week Program.

Placed on file.

Allison K. Thomas, Chairman of Governmental Affairs for the Junior Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Board for use of trucks on Good Citizens Day, August 11th.

Placed on file.

A letter from Richard Hicks, Acting Secretary of the Greater Lansing Community Chest, enclosed a copy of minutes of a meeting of the Financing Organization of Lincoln Community Center.

Placed on file.

Comm. Bailey, Chairman of the Public Relations Committee, reported on favorable publicity in large amounts which the Park and Recreation Departments had received during the past month.

Comm. Klock, Chairman of the Forestry Committee, reported on funds obtained for continuing the tree trimming program.

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supt. Bancroft reported on various subjects of interest to the Board.

### RESOLUTIONS

By Comm. McKim—

That Mr. Bancroft be authorized to attend a meeting of Park Executives in Boston.

Carried.

By Comm. Rathbun—

That the Superintendent be and is hereby authorized to transfer \$1,000.00 from the Evergreen Cemetery Operating Securities to Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund Securities.

Carried.

BERTHA RAY,  
City Clerk.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings Sept. 17, 1948

September 17, 1948.

The Board met in special session and was called to order by the President, Comm. Gibbs.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Comms. Bailey, Callard, Gates, Gibbs, Hewes, Klock, McKim, Rathbun.—8.  
Absent—None.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. F. Pearl Robbins expressed her appreciation for the use of a plot in Little Arlington Cemetery for burial of her son, who lost his life in Luzon.

Placed on file.

Margaret L. Francis offered to purchase Lots 1 and 2, Block 4, Assessor's Plat No. 20, for the sum of \$800.00.

The offer was referred to the Committee on Parks to investigate.

The City Clerk reported that City Council to whom had been referred the proposition to extend Benjamin Drive northerly to connect with Douglas Street, had referred the matter to the City Engineer, City Attorney and Park Board.

By Comm. Hewes—

That property described as: Beg. at the E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  post between Sections 4 and 9, T 4 N, R 2 W, thence west on Section line 106 ft. to the S.E. corner of Howard Heights Subdivision, thence north on east line of said Howard Heights Subdivision to the south line of Douglas Avenue, thence easterly along the southerly line of Douglas Avenue to the east  $\frac{1}{4}$  line of Section 4, thence south to beginning, be turned over to the City Council for use for street.

Sealed proposals for the new building at Oak Park were referred to the Committee on Buildings and Properties.

The Committee reported that the following bids had been received:

### GENERAL CONTRACT

Foster-Schermerhorn-Foster Co.....	\$43,248.00
Granger Bros. ....	46,569.00
Francis J. Corr, Inc. ....	49,800.00
Christman Co. ....	53,800.00
Kutchins Company ....	60,362.00
W. H. Beasley ....	45,592.00
H. T. Graham Construction Co.....	49,532.00

### ELECTRICAL WORK

Reed-Tyler Electric Co. ....	\$ 2,845.00
Lansing Electric Motors ....	2,890.00
Barker-Fowler Electric Co. ....	3,368.00

### PLUMBING WORK

Distel Heating Co. ....	4,500.00
By Comm. McKim—	

That the bid of the Distel Heating Co. for plumbing be accepted, provided the proposals conform to the architects' specifications.

Carried.

By Comm. Gates—

That the General Contract be awarded to Foster-Schermerhorn-Foster and the contract for Electrical Work to the Reed-Tyler Electric Co., provided their bids conform to the architects' specifications.

Carried.



By Comm. McKim—

That the checks and bonds of the unsuccessful bidders be returned to them and they be thanked for bidding.

Carried.

### RESOLUTIONS

By Comm. Hewes—

Knowing of the State's need for a site for a Governor's home in the City of Lansing and in conformity with the recommendations made in the Lansing City Plan, the Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners recommends to the City Council that inasmuch as the property is not presently in use for public purposes a lease be offered to the State for the use of the property at the south end of Capitol Avenue, known as the Barnes property and now owned by the City of Lansing, if such a plan and arrangement meets with the approval of the City Council and the State.

The Barnes property is described as: Commencing at the N.E. corner of Lot 17, Block 177, thence west 245.43 feet, thence south parallel with the west line of Lot 18, 135 feet, thence southwesterly 53.55 feet to a point 15 feet south of the north line of Lot 28 and 3 feet east of the west line of said Lot 28, thence west 3 feet to the west line of said Lot 28, thence south along the lot line 40 feet, thence west 66 feet to a point in the west line of said Lot 27, Block 177, thence south 27.75 feet, thence east 132 feet to a point (division line extended between Lots 17 and 28) thence east 45° south to the shore of Grand

River, thence northeasterly along the shore of the Grand River to the S.E. corner of Lot 16, thence north (along the lot line) to point of beginning.

Together with a perpetual right-of-way over land lying westerly of and within 5 feet of that portion of the Westerly boundary above described extending from the north line of said Lot 18 to intersection of said boundary with the east line of said Lot 27 and subject to a similar right-of-way over a strip of land 5 feet in width lying easterly of said portion of said westerly boundary as granted and reserved in conveyance from Amanda F. Barnes to Eugene F. Cooley and Kate T. Cooley, recorded in Liber 124 on page 203 (said right-of-way being granted and reserved for use as a joint driveway 10 feet in width by parties to said last mentioned instrument in connection with property adjoining same).

Adopted unanimously.

### BOARD OF CEMETERY AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

ERNEST D. GIBBS,  
President  
ROBERT A. MCKIM,  
Vice President.  
C. G. CALLARD,  
O. H. BAILEY, JR.,  
WM. T. GATES,  
WM. KLOCK,  
KENNETH E. HEWES,  
S. DEWITT RATHBUN,  
H. LEE BANCROFT,  
Superintendent.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,  
City Clerk.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings Oct. 13, 1948

October 13, 1948

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Ernest D. Gibbs.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bailey, Callard, Gates, Gibbs, Hewes, McKim—6.  
Absent—Coms. Klock, Rathbun—2.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cooley expressed their appreciation for kindness in permitting their daughter to be married in the Cooley Gardens.

Placed on file.

A communication was received from Elsie Trachsel, Secretary of the Oak Park School P.T.A. for extra picnic tables which were provided for their picnic.

Placed on file.

A communication was received from Herbert G. Cooper regarding the purchase by the city of the Turner property for \$500.00 per acre for 125 acres.

By Com. Hewes—

That the offer of Mr. Cooper be refused.

Carried.

Robert L. Mitchell offered to purchase Lot 25, Bassett Subdivision, for \$500.00.

Referred to the Committee on Parks.

Mrs. John H. Larrabee asked permission to move the body of John H. Larrabee from Grave 6 to Grave 8 on Lot 177, Section B in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

By Com. Gates—

That the request be granted.

Carried.

Ralph J. Baker requested permission to move the body of Henrietta L. Baker from Grave 6, Lot 198, Section A, Mt. Hope Cemetery, to Grave 1, Lot 199, Section D in Evergreen Cemetery.

By Com. Gates—

That the request be granted.

Carried.

Mrs. J. C. McCullough and family request permission to move the body of Col. J. C. McCullough and Dan D. McCullough from Subdivisions 1 and 3 of Lot 513 to Subdivisions 5 and 4 of Lot 514, Section B in Evergreen Cemetery.

By Com. Gates—

That the request be granted.

Carried

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Fall Street Tree Planting Plans

The fall planting season will begin on about October 25th and continue for approximately three weeks. It is proposed to plant 350 trees. Eighty-five of these will be planted to replace young trees that were set out in 1947 and the spring of 1948 which died during the past summer. Another 85 will be set to fill in spaces where trees have been removed by property owners to allow driveway installations, and by the city to replace trees destroyed by storms, automobiles and disease during the past six months.



In addition to the above about 180 trees will be planted in newly developed residential areas heretofore not included in the city-wide planting program. These streets are as follows: Coolidge, Maryland from Auburn to Pacific, Pacific from Pennsylvania to Alpha, Pacific from Devonshire to Harding, Bates Street from Larch to Third, 1500 and 1600 blocks on Roselawn, Glenrose from Greenwood to Muskegon, Gordon west of Marion, Berkley Street, Marion south of Rundle and Rundle west of Marion. Many of these streets have been curbed by the Public Service Department during the summer and this proposed planting is in line with our policy of planting trees as soon after curb installation as possible.

Varieties used will be norway maple, sugar maple, schwedler maple, sycamore, American elm, hornbeam, ginkgo, mountain ash, hackberry and red oak. All trees were inspected for health and vigor in early

September and marked for fall planting.

Forestry Committee:  
ORLA BAILEY, JR.,  
WILLIAM T. GATES,  
WILLIAM KLOCK, Chairman

The report of the committee was adopted.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Superintendent Bancroft reported on the Conference of Park Executives and on various subjects relating to the departments.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,  
City Clerk.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings Nov. 10, 1948

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. L. J. Smith.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bailey, Gibbs, Hewes, McKim, Rathbun—5.  
Absent—Coms. Callard, Gates, Klock—3.

The minutes of the previous record were approved.

### COMMUNICATIONS

An offer to purchase two 33 foot lots on Leslie Street for the sum of \$250.00 was received from Harry G. and Viola A. Myers.

Referred to the Committee on Parks.

An offer to sell Lot 15, Assessor's Plat No. 18 in its entirety with the exception of the west 132 feet was received from Dorr J. Gunnell.

By Com. Hewes—

That this Board recommend the purchase of this property by exchange of State of Michigan Tax Deed lots as such lots are sold subject to the approval of the City Attorney and City Council.

Carried.

A communication was received from Dorothy C. Luce giving permission for E. Clark Rowley to supervise Lot 42, Section B, Mt. Hope Cemetery as to placing stones on the lot with certain reservations.

Placed on file.

A letter was received from Miller Equipment Company offering to sell to the city a used motor-grader.

By Com. McKim—

That the grader be purchased if the Superintendent and other members of the Board find it satisfactory.

Carried.

A proposal to re-roof the "Jenison House" for the sum of \$344.00 was received from A. R. Foster.

By Com. Hewes—

That the bid of A. R. Foster for re-roofing the "Jenison House" be accepted and the work done as soon as possible.

Carried.

A notice of the 30th Annual Convention of the National Association of Amusement Parks, Pools and Beaches to be held in Chicago Nov. 28, 29, 30 and Dec. 1, 1948 was received.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Committee on Forestry filed a report on diseases of Elm trees which are prevalent in other parts of the country.

Placed on file.

The Committee on Public Relations reported on favorable publicity received by the Park department during the past month.

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Herbert Kipke, Recreation Director, reported that assistance from the Community Chest for Lincoln Recreation Center would be curtailed January 1, 1949.

Mr. Bancroft reported on activities of the departments.



## RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Rathbun—

That the Superintendent be and is hereby authorized to transfer \$1,500.00 from the Evergreen Cemetery Operating Securities to Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund Securities.

Carried.

By Com. Rathbun—

That inasmuch as the bonds listed below mature December 1st, 1948 and are now a part of the Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund, the Superintendent, H. Lee Bancroft, and City Treasurer, John Webb, are hereby authorized and requested to turn in the bonds for collection:

M-995774 C

M-995775 C

M-995776 C

M-995777 C

M-995779 C

M-995780 C

M-995781 C

M-995782 C

M-995783 C

M-995784 C

Be it further resolved that \$7,500.00 being the principal sum, be deposited in the Evergreen Perpetual Care account and that \$2,500.00 being the accrued interest, be deposited to the credit of the Evergreen Operating account.

Be it further resolved that when collection is made and funds are available, \$7,500.00 being the principal sum, be transferred from Evergreen Cemetery Operating Fund Securities to Evergreen Perpetual Care Fund.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Bailey, Gibbs, Hewes, McKim, Rathbun—5.

Nays—None.

By Com. Rathbun—

That the Superintendent be and is hereby authorized to transfer \$500.00 from the Evergreen Cemetery Operating Securities to Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund Securities.

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,  
City Clerk.



## TREASURER

Allen Printing Company ..... 15.00  
 Brandt Automatic Cashier Co. .... 2.73

By Ald. Letherman—

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing:

That the foregoing claims be allowed and the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to draw orders on the City Treasurer for the amount allowed each claimant.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Bailey, Brown, Campbell, Collier, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Hayden, Helms, Kircher, Letherman, Munyon, Reed, Russell, Smith, Wortz—16.  
 Nays—None.

Council adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,

City Clerk.

December 13, 1948.

Lansing, Michigan.

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# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF

# Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners

## OF THE CITY OF LANSING

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### Proceedings Dec. 8, 1948

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December 8, 1948.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Commissioner Gibbs.

## ROLL CALL

Present—Commissioners Bailey, Callard, Gates, Gibbs, Hewes, Klock, McKim, Rathbun—8.

Absent—None.

Mayor Crego attended the meeting.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

## COMMUNICATIONS

A petition signed by 1472 senior high school students asking for a youth center possibly at the "Jenison House."

A delegation from the senior students was present and explained further what they would like as a clubhouse.

The petition was referred to the Recreation Committee.

A communication was received from Wm. H. Klock thanking the members of

the Board for their kindness and sympathy at the time of Mrs. Klock's death.

Placed on file.

W. C. Behen wrote about a lot located at the corner of Howe and Shiawassee Streets which is too narrow for building purposes and which extends into the street.

Referred to the Park Committee.

A letter was received from Dr. Thomas Wilensky relative to a section in Evergreen cemetery for the use of the Jewish population in this community.

By Comm. Rathbun—

That the matter be referred to the Committee on Cemeteries to report at the next meeting for action.

Carried.

A communication was received from Harry G. Myers in which he made another offer for property on S. Leslie Street.

Referred to the Park Committee.



The City Clerk reported that the City Council had approved the acquiring of property for the extension of Hunter Park, such purchase to be financed by exchange of property or by cash or both.

Placed on file.

The City Clerk reported that at their meeting held on November 22, 1948, the City Council directed her to express the appreciation of the City Council for land given by the Board for extending Douglas Street.

Placed on file.

A statement was received from Lansing Township Treasurer for special sewer tax on property used as Waverly Golf Course.

By Comm. McKim—

That the statement be referred to the Committee on Finance with power to act.

Carried.

Subject of lots owned by Mr. Putnam located near the East City Limits was referred to the Park Committee.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### RECREATION REPORT

The total participants and attendance for the summer program was 618,100. This represents activities ranging from athletics, picnics, and reunions, playgrounds and concerts to weaving and swimming.

The fall and winter program except skating is in full swing with adult activities of weaving, 7 women's recreation clubs, crafts, Homemakers Clubs, 23 basketball teams, and square dancing two periods a week. Children activities include 7 periods a week in grade schools for boys, 6 periods a week in grade schools for girls. Girls and Boys Clubs at Cedar Street Center each day after school, Teen Age Club at Cedar Street Center each Tuesday and Thursday and the Teen Age Dance each Saturday at Prudden Auditorium.

(Itemized report attached.)

### RECREATION COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Forestry reported on the Street Tree Planting, the tree removal program and the Municipal Christmas Tree.

Placed on file.

Mr. Bailey, Chairman of the Public Relations Committee, reported on favorable publicity in the State Journal and called

attention to an article in the Municipal Review on the subject of skating parks which was written by Carl Fenner and was accompanied by several pictures in that magazine.

### PARK COMMITTEE REPORT

The Council Park Committee reported favorably on the purchase of Lot 15, Assessors Plat No. 18, except the west 132 feet, for \$2,500.00 and to be purchased by an exchange of properties or for cash, or both. The Park Committee of the Park Board would like to be granted power to act in presenting the exchange of properties already approved by the Board to the City Council.

K. E. HEWES,  
ROBERT A. McKIM,  
C. G. CALLARD,  
WILLIAM KLOCK,

By Comm. Hewes—

That the report of the Committee be adopted and the Park Committee be and is hereby authorized to act for and in behalf of the Cemetery and Park Board.

Carried.

By Comm. Rathbun—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

"Series G" United States Bonds for  
Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual  
Care Fund .....\$3,500.00

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas, 8;  
Nays, 0.

By Comm. Hewes—

That the matter of heating pavilion at Comstock Park be referred to the Building Committee with power to act.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas, 8;  
Nays, 0.

Mr. Bancroft discussed numerous subjects of interest to the Board.

Following the meeting a supper was served by Comm. Bailey and Comm. Hewes at which venison was served.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,  
City Clerk.